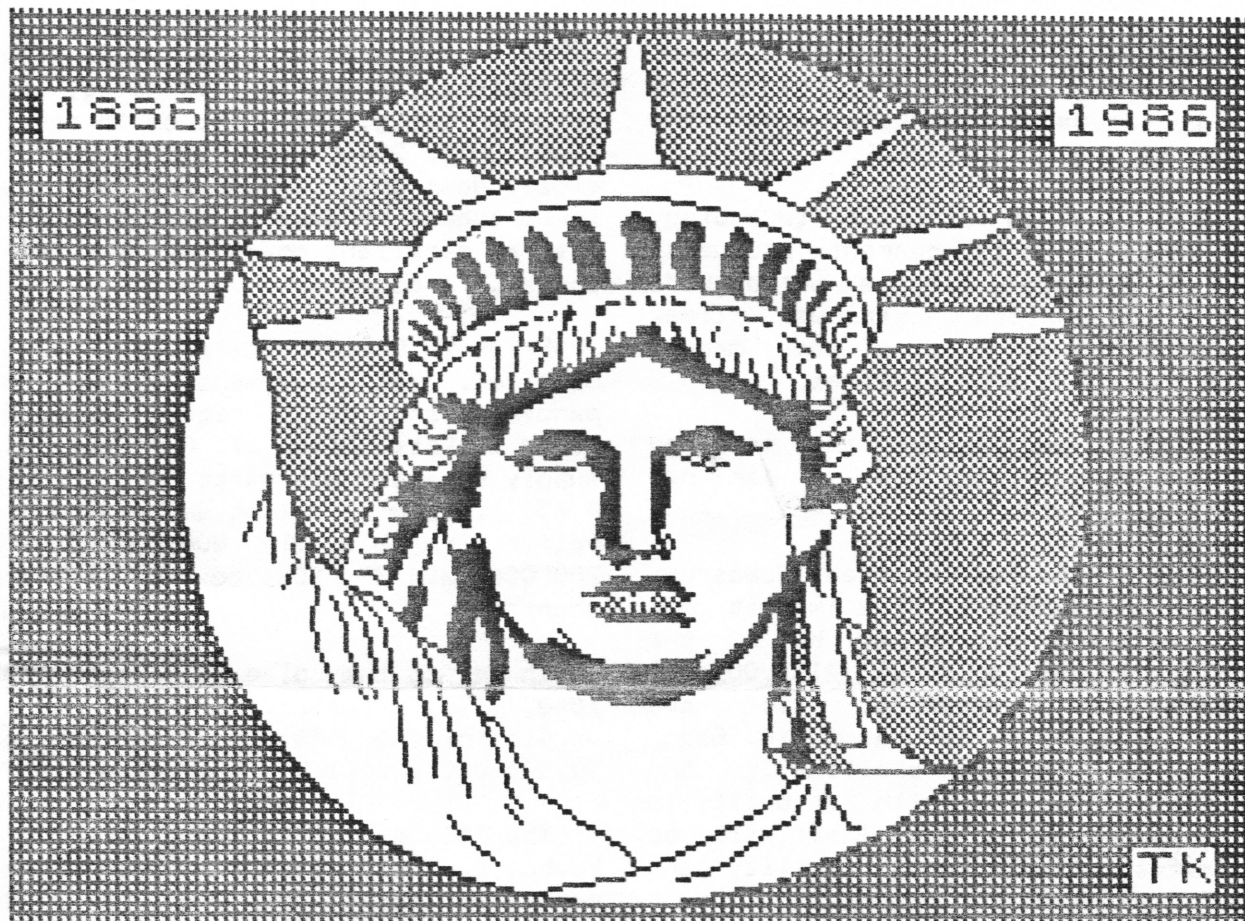


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July 1986 by Andy Kosiorek

AMSTRAD / SINCLAIR

Sinclair User still continues to be my best source about the Amstrad/Sinclair affair. The July issue reports that confusion continues to increase about the exact terms of the Amstrad deal.

Amstrad's rights to Sinclair technology appear to apply to only current products. Also they do not have exclusive world wide marketing rights. The various Timex divisions still have control of some market areas with their T/S product lines.

Who will make and market the proposed Loki and Pandora machines, is so far not possible to ascertain.

Production of the 1st Amstrad Spectrum, to be called the "Spectrum Plus Two" is now under way, and is expected to be on the market in the Autumn for about \$139.00. It will probably be introduced at the "Personnel Computer World" show in Sept. This machine will be very similiar to the existing Speccy Plus, but with a built in tape deck, and possibly 256K. They will be made at Amstrad's South Korea facility and Timex's Dundee plant.

Along with the Am/Speccy +2 will be a matching dot matrix printer, similiar to the one now supplied with the Amstrad word processors.

The QL situation is just as confusing. Negotiations by 3rd parties to buy out Amstrad's rights to date have not been successful. But Amstrad does not own the operating system software rights, so there are rumors that several QL "clones" will appear on the market this autumn, with disc drives.

Here in the USA, the Amstrad word processing computers, with 3" disk drives, are starting to appear at some Sear's stores. But the products are not in the 1986 winter catalog. Sears is also carrying supplies of the 3" disks.

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TIMEX / SINCLAIR

When Timex obtained the rights to the US market for the ZX-81 (T/S 1000), they also established a shared technology agreement with Sir Clive. They went on to develop the 1500, 2020, 2040, 2050, and 2068. After they closed down the U.S. market, they continued in Portugal to develop a disk drive system, with an excellant operating system, (TOS), and a CP/M option.

Prior to Clives' Amstrad sell out, Timex obtained, as payment for Sinclair manufacturing debts rights to additional world markets. Timex of Portugal will now supply Sinclair micros to Poland and Mexico. A \$50 million agreement was reached with a Polish firm to supply 800,000 2068's, and 200,000 twin 3" FDDs to the eastern bloc countries.

In Mexico they plan to market the 1500, 2048, 2080, a serial interface, and a new version of the 2040. The first shipment of 10,000 units will be this summer

The 1500's will be black with a silver keyboard. The 2048 is the 2068 without the cartridge dock. The 2080 is a Seikosha GP-1000 printer.

The new 2040 is a 5", 40 column plain paper dot matrix printer (the Seikosha GP-505). This little printer, which comes with its own interface, has been on sale in the UK for some time now. It will work with any of the ZX, Spectrum, 2068 series.

After having a demo of the Portuguese ROM, the Polish ROM should be very interesting!!!

If this takes off and expands into the other eastern European countries, and central america, just think of the possibilities for Cleveland, a city with just about every nationality group there is.

"Dobre szczescie Timex"

Good luck Timex!

SCROLLER

by Theo Turk
July 7, 1986

For the TS-1000/1500/ZX-81

This program, like my previous one is a basic "Scroll left" routine. However, with my last one, I could only enter a 64 character message into memory. This program not only allows you to enter any message up to 15K characters in length but will also let you use various "flash words" in your message to emphasize certain portions.

There are various reports given, if in error. A report code of "2" means either that line 10 has been omitted or that one of the "flash words" is not enclosed by parenthesis. A report code of "B" means that you are trying to enter an empty string, or the length of the message in A\$ is <32 characters long or the length of a flash word is >25 characters long.

Keep in mind, each "flash word" must be enclosed by parenthesis and with any two flash words, the first character in each flash word (example 1) must be separated by >=32 characters.

TYPE IN THE FOLLOWING LINES:

```

1 REM followed by (300 X's)
2 LET B$="C32A4100000000000000000000000000260DFF11FFFF062519D0
  10FE000018F6"
3 LET B$=B$+"2100002289400620ED5B7B402A85407EFE11280BFE102008
  228740ED538940AF23121310EA2A89407CB5C8ED5B8F40A7ED52
  C021FA00CD94402A8740232287403E111619010000BE280803231520F8
  C34B0D79FE1AD2AD0EED438B400603C52A89403A8B402336003D20FA
  21FA00CD9440ED5B8940132A8740ED4B8B40EDB021FA00CD9440C110D6C9"
4 LET B$=B$+"CD2B0F213D40061D361B2310FB2A0C40114B0119227B40
  11040019228F40219140221640CD1C11DA4B0D234E234678B1CAAD0E
  23228540211F00A7ED42D2AD0EED438D40CDA14021B603CD9440213200
  CD94402A85407E325B40545D23ED4B8D400BEDB02B113C401A77
  213D40011F00EDB0213200CD9440CDA140CD460F38CDC9"
5 LET A=16514
6 POKE A,16*CODE B$(1) + CODE B$(2) - 476
7 LET A=A+1
8 LET B$=B$(3 TO)
9 IF B$<>" THEN GOTO 6
10 STOP

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To see what happens, RUN the program and in a few minutes the 300 bytes of Machine Code in B\$ will be placed into the REM Statement: Line 1.

As soon as the computer stops in Line 10, then SAVE a copy on tape, in case of errors.

NOW ADD:

```
10 INPUT A$
20 RAND USR 16514
30 STOP
```

RUN 10 and enter the following line which will include (2) flash words.

example...

"(CLEVELAND) MAY BE THE BEST LOCATION IN THE NATION, HOWEVER,

example...

I LEFT MY HEART IN (S A N F R A N C I S C O)."

If the display seems to working correctly, press "break" and delete lines (2 to 9).

NOTE. to introduce "flash words" into any message, simply enclose each one in parenthesis.

to terminate the program, press "break". NOTE: any error return or "break" will destroy part of the message stored.

Thanks THEO for this fine article! We are in need of articles for the 1000/1500/ZX-B1! Now for a NEW column from one of our younger members, GABE SCHAFFER, about the QL! Thanks GABE!

QoLumn

by Gabe Schaffer

Hello, everybody. This will hopefully become your monthly QL column. Now don't go screaming that it will be taking up at least 1/2 page in your RANTOP, and there are only about 5 QL users! Bryan Lewis and my father and I (who are writing this), Gene Wilson, and Kelly (who's last name I don't know), may be the only QL users, but this column isn't going to be wasting space. It will have articles, programs, hints, and tips for the few who do have a QL, and may be able to help other people decide whether to buy one. Enough explaining. Let's start with a review:

APPEARANCE

On opening the big black and white box and removing the styrofoam, you see the QL, the TV cord, the LAN cord, the power cord, 2 rubber feet for the QL to stand on, 2 microdrive cartridge wallets and a four-ring binder with a manual inside. I got my QL from Brice Rd. Pharmacy, along with some other things which I'll review in later months. (It was a birthday present, and my father won't tell me the price. But you can ask him.)

The QL has two microdrives, a professional style QWERTY keyboard, five function keys, a yellow power light, two red microdrive lights, and four oddly positioned cursor keys. The keyboard is somewhat different from the 2068 keyboard as the QL has real, if nonstandard, keys (not chicklet or membrane, but not typewriter either). It also has a CTRL, an ALT, an ESC, a CAPS LOCK, a 'backwards L' shaped ENTER, no keywords, and no SYMBOL SHIFT. All of the cables come out of the back, as well as the ROM cartridge port. The microdrives are built onto the right side of the keyboard, and you can add up to six extra microdrives right next to the built-in ones. There's an expansion bank at the left hand side of the keyboard. There's no on/off switch, but there is a reset button next to the extra microdrive port. The power cord has an unusual 3-prong plug, and instead of the transformer being attached to the plug, it's in the middle of the cord.

UP and RUNNING

When first plugging in the QL, you see a lot of garbage on the screen. The screen clears for a few seconds, then you're confronted with the copyright, and the choice of pressing F1 for RGB monitor, or F2 for TV display. Monitor display is bigger than TV display, having more pixels across the screen, so software written for a monitor gets truncated in TV mode.

After pressing F1 or F2, if there's a cartridge in microdrive 1, and if there's a program on that tape called BOOT, then it will automatically be loaded and run. Otherwise, you will be put into the BASIC editor.

SuperBASIC

SuperBASIC is QL BASIC. It is very similar to 2068 BASIC, but with more commands and no single-touch keywords. Also, SuperBASIC doesn't need a LET (i.e. on the QL, a\$="hi" is the same as LET a\$="hi").

Another difference that I think you should know about is 'coercion'. Coercion is the means by which the computer automatically converts a string into a number, or a number into a string, so VAL and STR\$ aren't needed. Here is an example: if b\$="1" and c\$="2", then a\$=b\$+c\$ does not concatenate the strings, but produces the result of a\$="3". Concatenation requires the use of an ampersand (&) instead of a plus sign (+), whereby a\$=b\$&c\$="12".

SuperBASIC is sort of a mixture of BASIC and LOGO. It has procedures, local variables, repeat loops, and turtle graphics commands. But it also has ON..x..GOTO, ON..x..GOSUB, IF..THEN..ELSE, FOR..TO..STEP..NEXT, etc.

Compared to the 2068, the QL also has a lot of very good and very quick screen operations. These display functions, along with such topics as the QL printer and the QL's bundled software, will be reviewed in future columns.

To be continued next month...

BY TOM SIMON

DR. LLOYD DREGER HAS WRITTEN TWO BOOKS OF INTEREST TO OWNERS OF THE 2068. THE FIRST IS THE TIMEX/SINCLAIR 2068 ROM MANUSCRIPT. IT IS A COMPLETE DISASSEMBLY OF THE 2068 ROM WITH BOTH MACHINE CODE AND ASSEMBLY LANGUAGE WITH NOTES, COMMENTS AND CROSS REFERENCES TO THE SINCLAIR SPECTRUM ROUTINES. THE SECOND IS INTRODUCTION TO 2068 MACHINE CODE. DESCRIBED AS A SELF-TEACHING MANUAL FOR BEGINNING MACHINE CODE STUDENT THAT BRIDGES THE GAP BETWEEN ADVANCED BASIC AND MACHINE CODE. EACH IS PRICED AT \$16.95 OR BOTH FOR \$30.00. ADD \$2.50 FOR SHIPPING. THEY ARE AVAILABLE FROM SMUG, BOX 101, BUTLER, WI. 53007

BRIAN LEWIS HAS DESIGNED A TERMINAL EMULATOR PACKAGE FOR THE QL AND IBM PC. IT CONSISTS OF A DISK AND A MICRODRIVE CARTRIDGE AND LETS EACH MACHINE EXCHANGE DATA THROUGH THE RS232 PORTS. IT SHOULD BE AVAILABLE NOW FOR ABOUT \$13. WRITE BRIAN AT 1122 N. CARPENTER, BRUNSWICK, OHIO.

TO FIND OUT HOW MUCH MEMORY YOU HAVE FREE WHEN USING THE SPECTRUM ROM TRY THIS LINE: PRINT 65536 - USR 7962. THE RESULT IS THE SAME AS THE FREE COMMAND ON THE 2068.

SOME NEWS COMES TO US FROM THE TORONTO USER'S GROUP ABOUT THE LARKIN DISK DRIVE. THE LARKIN INTERFACE IS NOW AVAILABLE FOR THE TIMEX 1000 AND 1500. THE COMMANDS ARE LOAD, SAVE, FORMAT, DIRECTORY, DELETE, MOVE, COPY AND EXIT. THESE ARE THE SAME AS THE DOS ON THE 2068 VERSION OF THE LARKIN INTERFACE. THE FORMATED DISK WILL HOLD UP TO 54 FILES. THE COST OF THIS SYSTEM IS \$101.00 US DOLLARS INCLUDING SHIPPING. LARKIN HAS ALSO AN IMPROVED 2068 VERSION OF THE INTERFACE FOR DUAL DRIVES. WRITE TO LARKEN ELECTRONICS, R.R.#2, NAVAN, ONT., CANADA K4B 1H9.

WHILE SPEAKING OF DISK DRIVES, I HAVE GOTTEN MY OLIGER SYSTEM UP AND RUNNING. THE NMI MAKES THE SAVING OF MY COLLECTION OF PROGRAMS TO DISK A SNAP. JIM LEWIS PROVIDED ME WITH HIS VERSION OF A MENU FILE FOR DISK. THE LISTING IS BELOW. IT IS SET UP FOR 80 TRACK DRIVES WITH 16 FILES PER DISK. FOR 40 TRACK DRIVES THE NUMBER SHOULD BE HALVED. THE FILES ARE HELD IN ARRAYS THE FILE IS CLEARED AND RE-MADE BY DELETING A REM STATEMENT & RUNNING. TO SAVE DATA IN THE ARRAYS THE LINE IS RETURNED TO THE STATUS OF A REM STATEMENT. ENTERING 0 WILL SEND A COPY TO THE 2040 PRINTER TO GLUE ON THE DISK SLEEVE. PERHAPS WITH A LARGE PRINTER YOU COULD ADD YOUR OWN SPECIFIC ROUTINE FOR 18 C.P.I. TO PRINT DIRECTLY ON THE SLEEVE.

```
5 BORDER 0: PAPER 0: CLS: INK 6
6 POKE 23658,8
7 REM **UN-REM 8, RUN TO CLEAR
8 REM DIM A$ (16,28)
10 PRINT TAB 14;"MENU":PRINT ENTER 100 TO
    INPUT DATA FOR MENU"
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20 FOR I=1 TO 16
30 PRINT I;" ";A$(I):NEXT I
40 INPUT "SELECT ";A
42 REM*****INPUT*****
43 IF A=0 THEN COPY
44 IF A=100 THEN GOTO 100
45 IF A<1 OR A>16 THEN GO TO 40
50 LOAD /A
100 INPUT "FILE NUMBER TO SAVE?";A
110 INPUT "FILE NAME? ";B$
130 LET A$(A)=B$
135 SAVE /0
140 CLS: GO TO 10
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FROM JIM DODRILL OF THE TORONTO USERS GROUP COME THESE POKES. WHEN SAVING A MULTI-PART PROGRAM INSERT POKE 23736,181 BETWEEN THE SAVE STATEMENTS AND THE COMPUTER WILL THEN SAVE ALL PARTS OF THE PROGRAM WITHOUT THE "START THE TAPE" PROMPT. POKE 23756,0 WILL CHANGE THE FIRST LINE OF A PROGRAM TO LINE 0. POKE 23692,255 WILL PROVIDE AUTOMATIC SCROLLING ON LONG TEXT PROGRAMS.

THE QZX NEWSLETTER IS PRIMARILY FOR HAM RADIO OPERATORS WHO ARE USING TIMEX EQUIPMENT. HOWEVER THEY HAVE QUITE A FEW HARDWARE ARTICLES AND FEATURES OF A TECHNICAL NATURE AND QUITE A LOT OF ARTICLES FOR ZX-81'S AND 1000'S. SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE \$12. PER YEAR. WRITE TO QZX, 2025 O'DONNELL DRIVE, LAS CRUCES, NEW MEXICO,88001.

CHRIS RAYMAK HAS GOTTEN THE TSU BBS RUNNING NOW 24 HOURS A DAY. IT IS NOW BEING RUN ON AN ATARI 130XE WITH 3 DISK DRIVES. SO THERE IS PLENTY OF ROOM FOR FILES AND PROGRAMS OF ALL KINDS. THERE ARE STILL SOME BUGS IN THE SOFTWARE THAT CHRIS IS WORKING ON, SO BE A BIT PATIENT. LETS GET THIS THING GOING SO IT WILL BE ONE OF THE BEST TIMEX BBS'S IN THE COUNTRY.

A WORD ABOUT MODEM PROGRAMS. THERE ARE NOW SEVERAL ON THE MARKET AND SOON A FEW MORE WILL BE AVAILABLE. KURT CASBY HAS ISSUED LOADER V WHICH SUPPORTS XMODEM TRANSFERS AS WELL AS HAVING THE ABILITY TO SEND TASWORD OR MSCRIPT FILES. THIS IS A MODIFICATION TO MTERMII. ZTERM IS A PROGRAM WHICH IS DESIGNED TO USE THE MODEM WITH THE OS-64. SOON TO BE RELEASE IS A REWORKED ENGLISH PROGRAM WHICH WILL SUPPORT HIGHER BAUD RATES AS WELL AS AN RS-232 MODEM. SOME OF THESE PROGRAMS MAY REQUIRE MODIFICATIONS TO YOUR HARDWARE OR AN RS-232 MODEM. CHECK WITH YOUR SUPPLIER FOR DETAILS.

FOR ANYONE WHO MAY BE IN THE PITTSBURG AREA IN THE FUTURE. THE PITTSBURG T/S USERS GROUP MEETS ON THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH AT ALLEGHENY COMMUNITY COLLEGE IN WEST HALL. IF YOU ARE THERE YOU'LL HAVE TO ASK FOR FURTHER DIRECTIONS AS THIS IS ALL THE INFORMATION THAT I HAVE.

LASTLY YOUR SINCLAIR MAGAZINE REPORTS ABOUT THE FIRST 3-D GAME FOR THE QL. IT IS A FRENCH GAME CALLED THE WANDERER. IT USES THE ANAGLYPH METHOD FOR GETTING THE 3-D EFFECT. THE COST IS \$19 AND SHOULD BE AVAILABLE FROM MOST MAIL ORDER AGENTS.

Hello again! It's been a while since the Computerfest, and many things have been happening lately. With the purchase of the AERCO disk system, I have been very busy converting all 38 tapes in my library to disc. Whew! I now have about 35 discs with stuff on them. Most of you readers probably know by now that I am one to tear apart everything I can get my hands on. This \$425 disc system is no exception! I am not going to write a review on it, because others have and I'm sure you've read one somewhere...

The first thing I did after converting all of my files was to explore the Z-DOS (Disc Operating System) on the interface board to see what was happening on that PC board on the back of my 2868. I found that AERCO has done some FANCY stuff with the memory in ROM.

As you know, the Timex ROM is 16K. Well, AERCO has added another 64K of RAM to the interface board. This means that the user has 112K of RAM to use. It is divided up into 8 chunks of 8K each. In order to insert the DOS into the TS system, they switched in 8K of RAM at the bottom of memory (locations 0-8192). They just copied the ROM into that RAM, and put their modifications there. If you have the AERCO system and HOT Z or some similar disassembler, you can very easily tell what they have done. But, it doesn't stop there. Since the bottom 8K of ROM is now RAM, you can go in and make your own modifications! I have made some rad mods to mine. For instance, I have completely re-defined the keyword table, changing PAUSE to WAIT. Also, remember the pause when deleting characters in a program line? Well, I've taken the pause out and now I have some super-fast delete key! But alas, only the first 8K is alterable. Read on as to why-

The second 8K is normally ROM. But, again, AERCO has modified the system to automatically switch in Z-DOS there. This is actually a replacement for the original syntax checker, as far as I can tell. If the command entered is not one of the DOS commands (CAT, FORMAT, ERASE, or MOVE), then control is returned to the regular TS ROM. It gets confusing!

There are also some neat things you can do with simple OUT commands to the disc system. You can turn on the drive lights, motors and likewise, turn them off. This can be cute: In the middle of a program, turn on the drives and print a message like "DELETING ALL FILES." That would scare a novice right out of his jeans!

Now, with the recent release of RP/M, the CP/M 2.2 compatible system, things will be picking up for the disc users!

I also happened to snag a 2850 modem while I was at the Computerfest. For only \$7, I couldn't pass it up! I already had the software to use for it, so I was set to go! Soon, things began to get boring, so I decided to start programming the modem. You may have heard of TS Tinyboard, a BBS system for the 2850 modem. I took the basic ideas, completely re-wrote the I/O drivers to suit my needs, and proceeded to write a BBS of my own! And with 800K of disc space to use, I can expand quite a bit! The board is coming along fine now. I plan to put it up for public use soon, when I can finance a separate phone line.

If anyone is interested in starting a BBS with their modem, write me and I'll be happy to help them along!

Well, my AERCO/SINCLAIR/WESTRIDGE system (I put AERCO first because it's the most expensive part!) is serving me fine, except for some power problems that has been causing overheating and it's bogging down my modem. Til at AERCO has given me some tips as how to solve it, and it works! Well, until next time: Talk soft and carry a big byte...

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Here is a directory program for the OLIGER disk system. It is setup for DSDD, Oliger's default. For those with Quad, change line 10 to 1 TO 16 and in line 20 remove the "" at the end. Also, change line 70 and use an INPUT statement. Using the program as listed is a real snap! to load just press LOAD, ENTER and your directory is in. Now press 1-8 and your program loads! To add programs to the directory, EDIT 100 then GOTO 9999. It will be resaved to disk and rerun! J6D

DISK DIRECTORY

```
1 - TASWORD/TASPRINT
2 - TASWORD
3 - MSCRIPT
4 - TECHDRAW JR.
5 - ARTWORX
6 - MULTIDRAW 2068
7 - MEGADRAW
8 - MTERM II
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```
4 BORDER 1: INK 7: PAPER 0: C
LS
5 PRINT AT 1,1: PAPER 2;"
"; FLASH 1;" DISK DIRECTORY "
; FLASH 0;"
6 PRINT
8 POKE 23658,8
10 FOR n=1 TO 8
20 READ a$: PRINT " ";n;" - "
;a$
25 PRINT
30 NEXT n
34 INK 4
35 PLOT INK 4;0,0: DRAW 255,0:
DRAW 0,175: DRAW -255,0: DRAW 0
-175: PLOT 1,1: DRAW 253,0: DRA
W 0,173: DRAW -253,0: DRAW 0,-17
3: INK 7
37 PLOT 9,20: DRAW 237,0: DRAW
0,127: DRAW -237,0: DRAW 0,-127
40 BEEP .3,20
50 PRINT AT 20,8: INVERSE 1: P
APER 1;"PRESS 1 TO 8 ONLY"
60 BEEP .3,25
70 LET n$=INKEY$
80 IF n$<"1" OR n$>"8" THEN GO
TO 70
90 LOAD /VAL n$
100 DATA "TASWORD/TASPRINT ","T
ASWORD","MSCRIPT ","TECHDRAW JR.
","ARTWORX ","MULTIDRAW 2068","
MEGADRAW ","MTERM II"
9999 SAVE /0: RUN
```


TASWORD 3 QUICKIE REVIEW

If you've used TASWORD 2, you're well on your way to using TASWORD 3. It has all of the features of the original with a number of new ones. My favorite is the relocatable margins. Other improvements include tabs, block delete, replace, and copy commands, and a nifty auto insert mode. The program also has six on screen help menus. A brief summary of each command is quickly available.

Text files are saved in a more compact manner with no extra spaces padding out a line, but lines can be up to 128 characters long. Cursor movement is much more rapid than with Tasword 2. There is a type ahead buffer that you'll have difficulty overrunning. Thirty-two printer control characters are available. Printing files is a breeze with a number of options being available. Page numbering top or bottom, header and footer lines, provisions for single sheets or continuous forms are all user selectable. It's easy to make nice looking printouts.

If there is one problem with TASWORD 3, it is that it is only available on Sinclair microdrive.

David Hoshor

FREE AD:

FREE TO GOOD HOME: 25" color
Magnavox TV. Older set (tube)
Not in operating condition but
has nice cabinet. 884-8835

```
1 REM ;USELESS PROGRAM #2
  *BY DOUG GILLESPIE*
704 People turning out their
lights in their apartments very
quickly!
5 BORDER 0: PAPER 7: CLS
10 PRINT AT (RND*21), (RND*31);
"█": GO TO 10
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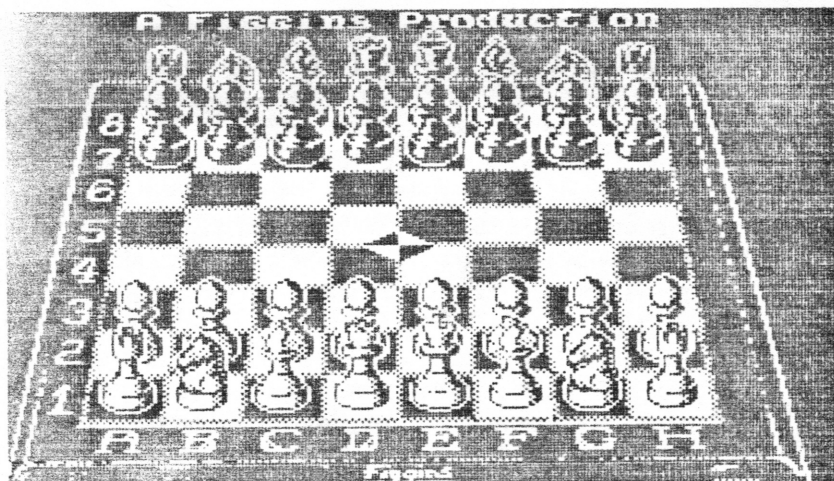
Can you believe how fast this year is going? It's seems to be flying by! Many of you took the hint last month and renewed your dues. Unfortunately, 20 of you are now still over due! PLEASE LOOK AT YOUR LABELS AND LOOK AT THE DATE! From now on if you are one month past due, you will get a sticker on the front of your newsletter warning you that you won't get any more RAMTOPs without renewal. If you are 2 months and later, you will get a post card informing you that your subscription has been terminated until dues are paid. If you get one of these, use the membership form in the back of an older issue or call me. (216-661-4105)

I have several points of interest. First, there will be another computer show at Quaker Square on the 23th and 24th of August. If you would like to man a table, contact TOM SIMON (1-928-7910) Tom called me and said that they would like to be able to have a hardware demo or a short seminar. Please call if you can!

I was also informed that calls have been down to our BBS. Please remember that we DO have a very fine BBS! Our BBS is, I think, definately one of the better BBS's for Timex! Your support by calling and using it not only gets more data into the files, but also gives our SYSOP, CHRIS RAYNAK, the message that you find it worthwhile. He is always improving it! He now has Xmodem. You need to sign on with your parameters set to: 7-1-ODD. (216-327-1099)

I called John Olinger this week and ask him about his latest and what the status of the new DOS was. He told me that Ray Kingsley sent him a pre-liminary version and it seemed good so he has sent him a list of the people with the disk system. From what I understand, the new DOS will be on EPROM and may be used in place of JLO or switched back and forth but the computer will have to be powered down or possibly just reset when switching. I will give you more details as I get them. He also told me that a 64K RAM card is forthcoming soon and that several can be used! I also asked about CPM but it seems that for now, it's dead. This might change if there is a great intrest shown. Till next time, TAKE CARE!

JAMES G. DUPUY



Here are a couple of screen copies made with my SG-10 and the print driver in the OLIGER disk system. To use it, all you do is enter: LET /p=o/g. This tells the system that it will send all printer output to an SG-10.

Do you want instructions (y/n)

To actually get the copy, you may use COPY/ ENTER or press the NMI button and then the "2" key. The program will stop, send a screen copy to the printer (all 24 lines) and then resume the program.



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STOP THE TAPE

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